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Date: Fri Jun 12 2020 16:41:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Angel's Weekly Call List

4 calls to support the People's Budget
1 call for changes to LAPD



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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 09:13:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Angel's Weekly Call List

6 defund LAPD
1 support changes/reforms to LAPD



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From: Molly Segal <mollysegal@gmail.com>
To: angel.izard@lacity.org
Date: Thu Jun 18 2020 14:10:26 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Councilmember Koretz and LAPD budgets

Dear Angel Izard,

I am a constituent of District 5.

I've been disappointed in Councilmember Koretz's dismissiveness of the [People's Budget](#). I watched their presentation Monday to City Council and was sad to hear they had yet to hear anything back from him at that time.

I was further upset when he voted against cutting even \$150 million from the LAPD's bloated \$3 billion budget. That tiny percentage cut is truly the bare minimum this moment requires.

I wasn't able to stay for the entire City Council meeting, but I understand Councilmember Koretz said he was flooded by calls from constituents voicing support for LAPD. All I heard during public comments was an overwhelming support for the People's Budget. As a constituent of District 5, I'd like my voice to be represented by Councilmember Koretz as well.

I am tired of living in a world where policing brings more harm than good to entire communities. We ask *too* much of our police force and everyone pays the price. Armed officers cannot be our only answer to homelessness, mental health crisis, domestic violence situations, "loitering," minor traffic violations, and almost all other non-violent community matters.

I have lost faith that continuing to pour our tax money into the police can effectively solve any of these matters. The \$3 billion in LAPD's budget would be better served going towards affordable housing, education, health services, and economic help for those affected by the shutdown and pandemic.

It's time to reimagine public safety so that *everyone* feels safe and valued. This requires the kind of big-thinking, structural change the People's Budget proposes. I urge you to watch and consider their presentation if you have not already.

Councilmember Koretz's constituents are paying attention to his actions.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,
Molly Segal

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Molly Segal
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From: Angel Izard <angel.izard@lacity.org>
To: Molly Segal <mollysegal@gmail.com>
Date: Thu Jun 18 2020 15:47:30 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Councilmember Koretz and LAPD budgets

Hi Molly,

Thank you for your email and for your civic participation. Councilmember Koretz encourages his constituents to reach out to make their ideas known so that he can take them into consideration when making legislative decisions.

I am happy to share your opinions with him.

For your information, please see below statement from Councilmember Koretz on this issue:

"If we separate the term "defund" from the underlying effort to redefine and re-envision policing in the 21st century and look at how best to actually do that, I have to wonder whether making arbitrary cuts to LAPD's budget is the right place to begin that process. I think we can all agree that reform is necessary, it's just determining the best way to achieve it.

I support police reform. That's why I am authoring several motions for reform. Police reform doesn't mean you need to defund the police. I believe the City still needs law enforcement."

Thank you again and have a nice rest of your week.

Angel

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From: Molly Segal <mollysegal@gmail.com>
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Date: Thu Jun 18 2020 16:34:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Councilmember Koretz and LAPD budgets

Thank you, Angel. I appreciate the clarification of Councilmember Koretz' position. I just wanted to make sure he was hearing from his constituents who *do* support defunding the LAPD, like myself. I read his newsletter and found the reforms he is talking about toothelss and a way to re-enforce the status quo.

Again, as his constituent, I truly hope he at least took the time to review the People's Budget presentation Monday. Their presentation reflects how I would like to envision my city and it's budget. Councilmember Koretz is my voice on the city council and I am unimpressed by his take on this.

Thank you for all your work and taking the time to get back to me.

-Molly Segal

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From: Henry Staley <henry_staley@alumni.brown.edu>
To: undisclosed-recipients;
Bcc: angel.izard@lacity.org
Date: Fri Jun 19 2020 13:36:50 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Defund the Los Angeles Police Air Support Division

To Whom It May Concern,

I am calling on you to support the defunding of the **Los Angeles Police Air Support Division**. This political moment demands that the Los Angeles City Council look for areas where harmful law enforcement programs can be cut from the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. By withdrawing financial support for the LAPASD, the City Council can retire a politically dated program that actively harms LA residents and drains resources that could be better spent elsewhere. These funds should be redirected towards social programs to keep Angelenos safe, housed and healthy in a time of desperate need.

The LAPASD is a notoriously unpopular, abusive, and costly arm of the city's law enforcement apparatus. As the past several weeks of protests against police brutality and public outcry over LA's budget have made abundantly clear, the people of Los Angeles are demanding divestment from city and county programs that harm Black, Latinx, and unhoused communities.

By 2020 estimates, it costs **\$1,200 per hour to fly** an LAPD helicopter—without accounting for the pilot's salary. On average, an LAPD helicopter burns the equivalent of **two car tanks of gas per hour**. The constant thunder of LAPD/LA Sheriff's Department helicopters overhead, day and night, make Angelenos feel like we live in a war zone, where our own city's division of public safety is the invading army.

The LAPASD unit cannot be justified as a crime-solving expense. In past studies, these helicopters have successfully resolved **a mere six percent** of car theft cases. LAPD responds to these damning statistics by arguing that the helicopters are part of a 'predictive policing' campaign to stop crime before it happens. 'Predictive policing' is essentially a euphemism for **racial profiling**, an issue that has long plagued the LAPD. In 2015, the ACLU of Southern California found that Black Angelenos are **three times** more likely to be stopped by police than white Angelenos under the program. Given the helicopters' ubiquity over neighborhoods whose residents are overwhelmingly low-income Black and/or Latinx people, it is clear that LAPD finds its air division to be an expedient way to surveil the city's non-white communities.

If you find it difficult to imagine LA without the constant presence of these helicopters, consider this: *No other major US city possesses a comparable amount of helicopters.* If the five US cities with population levels closest to Los Angeles (New York, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix and Philadelphia) combined their fleets, they'd still have **ten fewer helicopters** than Los Angeles.

It is abundantly clear that the psychological and material costs of the LAPASD are far greater than its contribution to public safety. At the end of the day, the continued use of these helicopters takes away funding that could be used to benefit LA's most marginalized residents. We echo the calls of Black Lives Matter LA and other community organizations: Divest from the LAPD and invest these resources back into the community.

Please contribute to the betterment of public safety and social justice in our city by defunding the Los Angeles Police Air Support Division.

Thank you,
Henry Staley

From: Katrina Matheson <matheson.katrina@gmail.com>
To: Angel Iazard <angel.izard@lacity.org>
Date: Mon Jun 01 2020 09:27:26 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Mayor's budget

Hi Angel,

As a constituent, I urge Council member Koretz to vote AGAINST the mayor's budget - because it provides entirely too much to the LAPD. I urge the city council to take up the People's Budget instead.

Katrina - 90064

From: Angel Izard <angel.izard@lacity.org>
To: Katrina Matheson <matheson.katrina@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jun 01 2020 10:18:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Mayor's budget

Thank you, Katrina. I will share your thoughts with Councilmember Koretz.

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From: Katrina Matheson <matheson.katrina@gmail.com>
To: Angel IZard <angel.izard@lacity.org>
Date: Mon Jun 08 2020 08:17:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Mayor's budget

Hi Angel,

In advance of the Budget and Finance committee meeting today, I'd like to reiterate my request that Councilmember Koretz commit to defunding the LAPD. I suggest looking at what Camden, NJ did in 2013, by disbanding its police force and rehiring double the number of community "guardians" whose primary function is to build a relationship with the community - know people by name, plus a requirement for volunteering in their patrol area off-duty. A strategy like this, plus decriminalization of minor offenses and a separating out of the duties of the current police force, would go a long way to reducing police violence and showing that Los Angeles can lead.

The goal would be to remove the adversarial relationship between "guardians" and the community. So, for example, if someone were apprehended for petty theft, a restorative justice officer would be called perhaps along with a social worker, to negotiate or find alternatives to pressing charges. A report of an agitated homeless person might dispatch a medic and homeless outreach specialist. If someone were the victim of a property crime, like vandalism or theft, taking a report could be the responsibility of a new agency under the insurance commission - because a "guardian's" job should be to prioritize people not property. Detectives and SWAT can still exist and be called upon to investigate or respond to serious crimes. Traffic enforcement can be limited to issuing infractions, like meter maids, which would significantly reduce the risk of that job.

Let's please get creative. I would be happy to talk further.

Thank you.

Katrina Matheson
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From: Angel Izard <angel.izard@lacity.org>
To: Katrina Matheson <matheson.katrina@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jun 08 2020 11:56:41 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Mayor's budget

Hi Katrina,

Thank you for your email and your civic engagement on this issue.

I will again share your request with Councilmember Koretz.

Angel

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From: Abigail Coleman <email4abbycoleman@gmail.com>
To: angel.izard@lacity.org
Date: Fri Jun 12 2020 09:11:06 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: The People's Budget

Hi Angel,

You gave a report to the Westside Neighborhood Council meeting last night-- thank you!

You mentioned that Councilmember Koretz could be persuaded on the budget issue. I just emailed him about it, but do you have any advice on how I can emphasize my message? Does he prefer to be called? I have some friends in the district who agree with me-- should I ask them to email/call as well?

Thank you!

Abigail Coleman

From: Angel Izard <angel.izard@lacity.org>
To: Abigail Coleman <email4abbycoleman@gmail.com>
Date: Fri Jun 12 2020 09:50:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: The People's Budget

Hello Abigail,

Thank you for reaching out.

The best thing for you to do is to send an email. Express exactly how you feel, and include any substantive reasoning as to why you think the budget should be a certain way.

You can send your email to:

-paul.koretz@lacity.org
-gregory.martayan@lacity.org

Thank you for your civic engagement!

Angel

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To: Angel Iward <angel.iward@lacity.org>
Date: Fri Jun 12 2020 09:51:07 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: The People's Budget

Thank you, will do!

Abigail
